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SUBJECT: JOHN ROBERTS NAMED NEW SECRETARY OF STATE

REF: OTTAWA 3705

1. JOHN ROBERTS ON SEPT 14 WAS NAMED SECRETARY
OF STATE. FOLLOWING IS RELEVANT BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.

2. LIBERAL MP - ST. PAUL'S. BORN NOV 28, 1933 AT
HAMILTON, ONT. EDUCATED AT OAKWOOD COLL., TORONTO,
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, TRINITY COLL., OXFORD, ST.
ANTONY'S COLL, OXFORD AND ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION,
PARIS. MARRIED. FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER,
DEPT EXTAFF, 1963-66. EXEC ASST MIN OF FORESTRY AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT 1966-68. FIRST ELECTED TO HOUSE OF
COMMONS GEN ELEC. 1968. PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
TO MIN OF REG. AND ECONOMIC EXPANSION. DEFEATED GEN
ELEC 1972, RE-ELECTED GEN ELEC 1974.

3. COMMENT: ROBERTS IS AMONG THE BRIGHTEST OF
THE LIBERAL CAUCUS MEMBERS AND HIS ASCENSION
TO CABINET STATUS HAS BEEN RUMORED FOR SOMETIME.
HIS EXCEPTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND INDEPENDENCE
HAVE NOT ENDEARED HIM TO A LIBERAL
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CAUCUS COLLEAGUE WHO NOTED THAT ROBERTS WAS NOT A

GOOD TEAM PLAYER IN CAUCUS ACTIVITIES. BE THAT AS IT MAY, HE WILL LIKELY BE AN ACTIVE AND EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE SECRETARY OF STATE. ROBERTS HAS BEEN WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBOFFS FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS AND IS GENERALLY WELL-DISPOSED TOWARDS THE US.

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